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SUBJECT: AIR OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN PART OF NICOSIA FIR

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1. FOLLOWING INFO ACCORDING TO GOC DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION (DCA):

(A) GOC ON MARCH 26, 1977 OPENED AIRWAY AMBER 16 RUNNING NORTH-SOUTH DIRECTION THROUGH NICOSIA FIR LINKING ANKARA FIR AND CAIRO FIR.

(B) FOLLOWING RECENT IATA RECOMMENDATION TO DCA, GOC ON MARCH 26, 1977 REACTIVATED VOICE HF CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS WITH ANKARA ATC. NICOSIA ATC NOW PROVIDES TO ANKARA FULL FLIGHT INFO (AIRCRAFT IDENTIFICATION, AIRWAY DESIGNATION, DESTINATION, ETC) REGARDING AIRCRAFT TRAVELLING THROUGH NICOSIA FIR WITH DESTINATION TURKEY. GOC HAD SENT PRIOR TELEX TO ANKARA ANNOUNCING RE-ESTABLISHMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF SERVICE. DCA ASSUMES ANKARA IS RECEIVING THE FLIGHT INFO MESSAGES BUT SAYS ANKARA NEITHER ACKNOWLEDGES NOR RESPONDS TO NICOSIA SIGNALS.

(C) GOC UNABLE TO MONITOR ERCAN FREQUENCIES ON REGULAR BASIS BUT FROM SPOT MONITORING IT APPEARS ERCAN IS DIRECTING CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC TO CONTACT NICOSIA ATC DIRECTLY.

(D) ANKARA ATC NOW ALLOWING INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC CROSSING TURKEY BOUND FOR NICOSIA FIR TO CALL NICOSIA ATC, WHILE STILL OVER MAINLAND TURKEY.

- 2. FROM GOC DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION POINT OF VIEW AIR OPERATIONS IN NICOSIA FIR HAVE RETURNED TO MORE NORMAL AND SAFER BASIS.
- 3. COMMENT: REOPENING OF AMBER 16 SUGGESTS GOC REEXAMINED AIR OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN PART OF NICOSIA FIR WITH VIEW TO REDUCE GROUNDS FOR TURKISH CLAIMS THAT GOC WAS NOT PROVIDING AS FULL AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE IN THE NICOSIA FIR AS IT COULD. CRAWFORD

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